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SUBJ: UNEP: GC II, ITEMS 6 AND 7: CONCLUSION OF GENERAL
DEBATE, MARCH 13, P.M.

SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE CONCLUDED WITH PRESENTATION SEVENTEEN

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COUNTRY STATEMENTS. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. LEBANON: EMPHASIZED PROBLEMS POLLUTION MEDITERRANEAN.

2. FRG: SAW UNEP AS FOCAL POINT FOR COORDINATION AND STIMULATION ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN UN SYSTEM. ENDORSED PROGRAM ACTIVITY CENTER (PAC) CONCEPT WHICH FRG THOUGHT WOULD AVOID RED TAPE AND DUPLICATION. THOUGHT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGIES, PILOT PROJECTS TO TEST ALTERNATIVE PATTERNS OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO CONSERVATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES AND SOILS; TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, FOCUSED ESPECIALLY ON HELPING GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AIMED AT PARTICIPATION IN EARTHWATCH; ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION. ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FUND, THOUGHT BUILDING NEW CITIES OR HOUSING BEYOND SCOPE OF UNEP, BUT THOUGHT UNEP MIGHT CATALYZE AND ENCOURAGE PRACTICAL INVESTMENT PLANS. URGED ACTION ON FURTHER CONVENTIONS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT AND STATED FRG PREPARED HOST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MIGRATORY SPECIES. ANNOUNCED FRG CONSIDERING 6 MILLION DM CONTRIBUTION TO 1974 FUND.

3. GHANA: EMPHASIZED PROBLEMS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WARNED THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD NOT TOLERATE UNEP ACTIVITIES LOCATED AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS.

4. FINLAND: EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE UNEP ACTIVITIES TO LOS.

5. ARGENTINA: STRESSED IMPORTANCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS. IN OPENING SHOT IN CONTROVERSY WITH BRAZIL, URGED COUNCIL PAY HEED CHARGED PLACED ON IT BY RES. 3129 (XXVIII), AGENDA ITEM 13 (II).

6. DENMARK: STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING UNEP COORDINATING ROLE. PLACED HIGHEST EMPHASIS ON IMPLEMENTATION FIRST PHASE OF EARTHWATCH. WHILE RECOGNIZING PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, THOUGHT CONSIDERATION WOULD BE FACILITATED IF COUNTRIES RECOGNIZED AT OUTSET THAT GLOBAL HOUSING PROGRAM NOT FEASIBLE.

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7. NORWAY: PROBLEM OF LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIRBORNE POLLUTANTS ASSUMING ALARMING PROPORTIONS. NOTED NORWAY HAS INTRODUCED PROPOSAL IN CSCE FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT ON THIS PROBLEM. PRESERVATION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF HIGH PRIORITY. ELABORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD PRINCIPLES 21 AND 22 OF STOCKHOLM DECLARATION, OF HIGH PRIORITY. THOUGHT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND LABOR

ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS SHOULD RECEIVE GREATER ATTENTION, AND NOTED ILO -UNEP COOPERATION.

8. PRC: BLAMED FEW INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SUPER POWERS, FOR WORLD'S ENVIRONMENTAL ILLS. THOUGHT QUESTIONS PERTAINING ENVIRONMENT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. STRESSED IMPORTANCE RESPECTING SOVEREIGNTY IN REACHING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. URGED RECOGNITION THAT ONLY DEVELOPMENT COULD SOLVE ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. BRAZIL: PLAYED SEVERAL VARIATIONS ON THEME OF "POLLUTION OF POVERTY"; THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ROOTED IN UNDER-DEVELOPMENT AND CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY MORE DEVELOPMENT. HIGHLY CRITICAL OF POLITICS OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT. CITED PRC STATEMENT ON NECESSITY FULL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN RESPONSE ARGENTINES. HIGHLY CRITICAL HIBITAT 2000, "WHICH REMAINS VAUE IN CONCEPT, ALTHOUGH GAVE HIGH PRIORITY AREA OF HUMAN STTLEMENTS. AGREED WITH UK THAT UNEP NOT GET INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT LAW AT THIS STAGE AND THOUGHT PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN MAN-MADE WEATHER MODIFICATION HAD BEEN EXAGGERATED.

10. HUNGARY: PLEDGED ONE-HALF MILLION HUNGARIAN FLORINS TO FUND. EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ED STRONG. THOUGHT HABITAT 2000 ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT UNEP PROJECTS. GAVE HIGH PRIORITY TO EARTHWATCH.

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11. ICELAND: GAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO PRESERVATION
MARINE ENVIRONMENT. NOTED SORRY STATE WORLD'S WHALE
STOCKS BUT STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FORMORITURIUM.

12. INDONESIA: GENERALLY ENDORSED ED'S PROGRAM PROPOSALS.
THOUGHT USE CONCEPT OF PAC DESIRABLE IF STRENGTHENED
EXISTING CENTERS BUT THOUGHT NEW CENTERS SHOULD NOT
BE ESTABLISHED. FULLY SUPPORTS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FUND.
PLEDGED \$10,000 TO FUND.

13. GABON: EMPHASIZED NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES IN MEETING MENACE OF GALLOPING POLLUTION.
ERADICATION PROVERTY MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM.

14. TANZANIA: URGED PRIORITY TO PROJECTS TO IMPROVE
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, NOTING IMPORTANCE OF GIVING ATTENTION
TO PROBLEM OF POPULATION DRIFT TO URBAN CENTERS. ENDORSED
PRIORITY TO GEMS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION AND
TRAINING.

15. PERU: THOROUGHLY MUDDLED STATEMENT, MAIN POINT OF
WHICH SEEMED TO BE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THEY HAD CAUSED IN THEIR EXPLOITATION
OF WEAKER NEIGHBORS FOR WHICH COMPENSATION DUE.

16. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: PLEDGE ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION CZECH
CROWNS TO FUND. GENERALLY SUPPORTED UNEP OBJECTIVES.
SUPPORTS HABITAT 2000.

17 IRAQ: GENERALLY SUPPORTS ED'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
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